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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Brent Kevin Larson

For: ELASTOMER COMPOSITION WHICH  
CONTAINS INTERCALATED AND  
EXFOLIATED CLAY REINFORCEMENT  
FORMED IN SITU WITHIN THE  
ELASTOMER HOST AND ARTICLE, SUCH  
AS A TIRE, HAVING AT LEAST ONE  
COMPONENT THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Rejection Official Action dated August 27, 2003,  
Paper No. 6, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out  
and distinctly claim the Applicant's invention.